



FACULTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

**(Tenure-Track) Assistant Professor
Coordinator of Music Education
Starting Fall 2018**

Refer to #104481 on all correspondence and inquiries regarding this position.

OUR COMMITMENT

Sonoma State University offers an exceptional educational experience that fosters intellectual, cognitive, social, and personal growth. As the only member of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges in California, we are uniquely positioned to foster ethical exploration, civic engagement, social responsibility, and global awareness combined with a solid foundation in an academic discipline. We have a strong commitment to graduating students who have the ability to think critically and communicate effectively in an ever-changing world. The unique campus culture fosters our Seawolf Commitment to integrity, respect, excellence, and responsibility and is integrated into all campus life. We nurture inclusive excellence through a celebration of the rich diversity of our local communities and our interconnected global economy. Members of the University community are expected to work effectively with faculty, staff, and students from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds. SSU is especially interested in candidates who make contributions to equity and inclusion in the pursuit of excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service.

THE UNIVERSITY

Sonoma State University's beautiful 274-acre campus is located in Sonoma County wine country, an hour north of San Francisco. The campus offers the ideal setting for teaching and learning and access to a community of rich cultural, environmental, and recreational opportunities. Founded in 1960, Sonoma State University is one of the 23 campuses of the California State University System. As members of the largest public higher educational system in the nation, we provide accessible, high quality education to more than 9000 students. Sonoma State University is proud to be a Hispanic Serving Institution committed to achieving the goals of equal opportunity and endeavors to employ faculty and staff reflecting the ethnic and cultural diversity of the region and state.

FACULTY RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to teaching and scholarship, faculty are expected to engage in service to the department, school, and community. Sonoma State is committed to the Teacher/Scholar model and places an emphasis on faculty support of undergraduate research. Faculty are also encouraged to participate in our distinctive, high-impact Freshman and Sophomore year programs and to foster our commitment to the CSU Graduation Initiative 2025 through excellent teaching, advising, and mentoring. Potential applicants are encouraged to review the University's Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Policy. All faculty are required to have the ability to work effectively in a multicultural environment.

THE DEPARTMENT

The Sonoma State University Department of Music is housed in the Donald and Maureen Green Music Center, a premiere performing arts complex that includes the 1400-seat Joan and Sanford I. Weill Hall, the 250-seat Schroeder Recital Hall, an education wing, and meeting and conference facilities. Since Lang Lang's solo

performance at Weill Hall's Grand Opening in 2012, the breath-taking acoustics of this uniquely designed space have attracted such internationally renowned artists such as Yo-Yo Ma, the Vienna Philharmonic, Herbie Hancock, Itzhak Perlman, John Adams, Anne-Sophie Mutter, Wynton Marsalis and countless others.

Sonoma State University offers generous scholarships and performance opportunities in instrumental, choral, jazz, and music theatre. Our graduates are high achievers who go on to successful careers as music educators and mentors, jazz and recording artists, and performers in all media from symphonies and pit orchestras to clubs and sound studios. Music students at Sonoma State enroll in one of the following degree programs: Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education, Jazz Studies, or Vocal/Instrumental Performance; Bachelor of Arts degree with concentrations in in Music, Composition and Technology, and Liberal Arts; and the Music Minor. The Department of Music has been accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music since 1972.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to see the department's Web page at:
<http://www.sonoma.edu/music/>

DUTIES OF THE POSITION

We seek a dynamic and collaborative educator to join our faculty as Coordinator of Music Education and Assistant Professor of Music, a full time, tenure-track position in the Department of Music at Sonoma State University.

The primary duties of the position involve managing all aspects of the undergraduate music education program, advising undergraduate majors, teaching courses in the music education curriculum including methods and pedagogy courses, and working with the School of Education to coordinate student teacher placements and supervision. In addition, we seek a candidate with a strong background in jazz who has the ability to teach courses in jazz improvisation and pedagogy. The Music Department may assign additional teaching responsibilities according to the department's needs and the abilities and interests of the candidate.

The Coordinator of Music Education is expected to be active in the field by establishing and maintaining relationships with Bay Area school music programs, and through involvement and leadership in state and national music education organizations. The Coordinator will serve as the advisor for the SSU Music Education Club, our NAJME Collegiate chapter.

In addition to teaching and scholarship, faculty are expected to engage in academic advising and departmental recruiting efforts; assist the department with program assessment; complete administrative and/or committee work; and serve on campus-wide committees.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

To be recommended for appointment, the candidate must have a PhD or DMA in Music Education. We are most interested in driven and passionate candidates who possess the philosophy that music is a vital necessity and the ability to communicate such passion in a creative and energizing approach. We seek a candidate with outstanding musicianship skills, substantial relevant experience at the university level, and a proven track record of public school teaching at the elementary/secondary levels. The successful candidate will be able to deliver curriculum that prepares music education students to teach music in a variety of traditional and emerging settings.

To be recommended for tenure, the candidate must demonstrate satisfactory performance in four areas:

- teaching effectiveness
- scholarship, research, creative achievement and professional development
- service to the University
- public service and service to the community.

Although tenure may be granted at any time, contract provisions specify that "the normal period of probation shall be a total of six (6) years of full-time probationary service and credited service, if any. Any deviation from the normal six (6) year probationary period shall be the decision of the President following his/her consideration of recommendations from the department or equivalent unit and appropriate administrator(s)." Tenure is required for promotion above the level of Associate Professor.

RANK AND SALARY

Salary, service credit, and rank (when appropriate) depends upon academic preparation and professional experience.

The approximate salary range for this position is: \$67,000 - \$74,000

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for this position, go to www.sonoma.edu/jobs and select Job Opportunities. If you are not currently employed at Sonoma State University, select the External Applicants box. You will be redirected to a list of all available jobs at Sonoma State University. Find and select the faculty position you are applying for to view the description and select Apply Now. If you have not applied for a job at Sonoma State University previously you will be asked to Register Now in order to proceed. After submitting the application letter and curriculum vitae, please proceed to My Career Tools to attach the additional required documents. Your statement of research interests may be a statement of scholarship and/or creative activity if appropriate to your discipline. PDFs are the preferred format for all submissions. Once you have submitted all materials, a confirmation email will be automatically sent to you. If you encounter difficulties during the application process, please email facultysearch@sonoma.edu. Applications submitted to the faculty search email address will not be considered, so please use [the www.sonoma.edu/jobs](http://www.sonoma.edu/jobs) link above.

Please submit:

Required

- Application letter
- Curriculum vitae

Additional Required Documents

- Statement of Research Interests
- Teaching Philosophy
- Student Evaluations, if available
- Contact Information for three (3) References to be contacted by the committee members

Letters of Recommendation will be requested from finalists only.
Official transcripts may be required at the time of hire.

Sonoma State University hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All offers of employment are contingent upon presentation of documents demonstrating the appointee's identity and eligibility to work, in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act. A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications received by December 22, 2017 will be given full consideration. The position will remain open until filled.

Questions concerning this position may be directed to:

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Questions concerning the application process may be directed to: facultysearch@sonoma.edu.

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OTHER INFORMATION

The university is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, disability, marital status, or protected veteran status.

This position is considered a “mandated reporter” under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

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